

SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 1st, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

President DiGuseppe called the council meeting to order and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Councilmen Battelle, Bauman, Castor, DiGuseppe, Shaner, Sweeney, Solicitor Romain, and Borough Manager Rittenhouse.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Battelle motioned to approve the minutes of the April 3rd, 2017 council meeting. Mr. Castor seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From Theurkauf Design & Planning a draft amendment to the East Pikeland Township Zoning Ordinance. This is supplemental to the previous amendments that were reported under communications on April 1st, 2017. Any comments are welcome by the township prior to May 26th, 2017. This ordinance repeals Article XXVII, the KR, Kimberton Village Core Overlay District and the KVC Zoning Overlay Map. This notification was forwarded to the Chester County Planning Commission, Spring City and surrounding municipalities in accordance with the PA MPC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS AND UTILITIES: Mr. Rittenhouse gave the following Streets Department Report for the month of April, 2017. **TRASH DISPOSAL** - 60.8 tons of refuse was hauled to the Lanchester Landfill by Waste Management from March 27th through April 10th, 2017. Twenty-three (23) bulk pick-ups were made during the month. **RECYCLING** - 24.6 tons of yard waste was collected at curbside on Mondays. A.J. Blosenski submitted their first quarter recycling report which lists a total of 71.7 tons of recyclables collected as follows: Mixed paper 30.20 tons, co-mingle 41.52 tons. **MAINTENANCE** - Summerized the Brown Street Pool Building. Reinstalled the tennis nets at the courts at Brown Street Park. Emptied the trash receptacles bi-weekly at all of the recreational areas. Washed and cleaned the three borough trucks and the front end loader. Turned the leaf windrows at the Gay Street Compost Site. Performed an in-house tune up on the zero turn riding mower. Replaced 10 broken flag poles. Miller Brothers installed a New Street Light Pole and Foundation at 85 East Bridge Street. **STREET WORK** - Cleaned various stormwater inlets throughout the borough after the rain events. Patched potholes at various locations (Chestnut & Wall, Brown Street, Cedar Street, Schoolhouse Alley, and Heckle Avenue).

SANITATION AND SURFACE WATER: Mr. Shaner reported the average daily flow at the plant for the month of April was 405,000 gallons per day. The maximum flow for the month occurred on April 7th and was recorded at 716,000 gallons. **Maintenance on Reed Beds** - The plant operator began removing seeds from the beds of another plant in Green Lane to replant in the borough's reed beds where the cleanout was done improperly. **NPDES Permit PA-0028614** - Environmental Engineering & Management submitted the annual PCB Pollution Minimalization Report to PA DEP on April 20th. During this year Steve Fegan will be sampling several manholes as well as the plant effluent for PCB's as part of the minimalization plan. **Turkey Hill** - Ed Gillette, Steve Fegan, and Dennis Rittenhouse met with Chris Kern of Liberty Environmental, Inc. who is Turkey Hill's Environmental Consultant in April to discuss what the plans are to further address the gas leak problem and the

borough's sewer system. Sampling wells were drilled around Turkey Hill to test for gasoline contamination. LEI is also getting contractors lined up to inspect the wet well at the Bridge Street Pump Station and to televise the sewer lines on Bridge Street in an attempt to locate the point where any gas could be entering the sewer system. Weekly sampling is being done at the Main Street and Bridge Street Pump Stations as well as the plant influent.

POLICE:

Mr. Sweeney reported the police committee met on April 20th. The committee discussed speeding issues in the borough and possible solutions. Chief Kuklinski was not confident that crosswalk signs would be useful on Main Street. The chief explained that many residents do not use designated crossing areas, particularly on Main Street. The chief also explained that fiberglass speed bumps are not very reliable. The police will continue exploring options to decrease the amount of speeding in the borough. Chief Kuklinski described the high volume of criminal and drug related incidents occurring in the borough. The borough has recorded four deaths so far this year due to drug overdoses.

Mr. Sweeney read the police report for April, 2017 as follows: accidents 4; all traffic incidents 82; alarms 1; animal complaints 7; boro ordinance 1; burglary 1; disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace/domestic 2; disturbances/domestic/fights/others 4; drugs (multiple) 1; harassment 1; harassment by communication 2; indecent exposure 1; loitering/prowling at night 1; medical emergency 15; mental health 1; missing adults 1; non-criminal reports 9; parking complaints 2; PFA violations 1; police information 8; public drunkenness 1; resisting arrest 1; service calls/miscellaneous 2; suspicious circumstances/person/auto 6; theft reports 2; trespassing 2. **Arrests:** criminal/non-traffic arrests - 7; traffic 15/speeding tickets 52/ court hours 42. **Assisted other departments: 5. Mileage traveled during the month of April:** Car 14-1(2015 Dodge) 1,078 miles, Car 14-2 (2014 Dodge) 1,666 miles which made a total of 2,744 miles. **Gas used during the month of April:** Car 14-1 (2015 Dodge) 164.430 gallons, Car 14-2 (2014 Dodge) 165.130 gallons which made a total of 329.560 gallons of gas used during the month.

ZONING, HOUSING & PROPERTY:

Mr. Rittenhouse reported there were seventeen (17) building permits issued during the month of April, 2017. Vijay Garekipati, 45 Central Avenue, mechanical-heating; Jamie Weiss, 345 New Street, plumbing - replacing drain pipe ; Vivian Coryell, 215 Yost Avenue, renovate bathroom; Brad Thomas, 249 S. Main Street, plumbing-bathroom; Brad Thomas, 249 S. Main Street, mechanical; Brad Thomas, 249 S. Main Street, renovations; PM2 Property Group, 262 Broad Street, mechanical; Eveleyn Dudonis, 270 New Street, repair stone wall; John Mecariello, 437 S. Main Street, roof; Ana Marie Babbitt, 439 S. Main Street, roof; Bill Tallman, 151 Hall Street, mechanical permit; Bill Tallman, 151 Hall Street, plumbing; Bill Tallman, 151 Hall Street, renovations; Bill Tallman, 151 Hall Street, electrical; Troi Lentoni, 154 Chestnut Street, roof over deck; David Isanski, 147 S. Wall Street, shed 10x20; Kimberly Abrudan, 78 N. Church Street, roof. Estimated cost of construction for the month of April, 2017 was \$115,400. Permit fees collected for the month of April, 2017 was \$1,479.00.

Also, Mr. Rittenhouse informed council that a zoning hearing application has been submitted by Christopher Gabel for the property located at 500 S. Main Street. The application is for a special exception to Section 1605.A.2 regarding the changing of a prior non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. The applicant would be using the building for the repair, assembly and sales of commercial diving equipment. He noted that the approval of the reuse of this building is very important to the borough as it would eliminate an otherwise vacant building which serves as no benefit to the community. If anyone on council is supportive of this special exception, he would like to see them present at the hearing to offer their support as an elected official.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Mr. Sweeney reported the Parks and Recreation Committee met on April 20th. The committee discussed the upcoming "On Your Park, Get Set Go!" Park Contest sponsored by the Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation. The committee decided to enter the borough in the contest only if a minimum of

ten residents sign up to volunteer.

The committee also discussed sesquicentennial events. The committee authorized the purchase of banners for sponsors, lawn signs for the community day, and the signing of a contract for fireworks.

"The Spring in the City 5k" was held on April 29th. Over 50 runners participated in the race that began and ended at Brown Street Park.

LIBRARY:

Mr. DiGuiseppe read the March statistics as follows: Circulation: 3,149; Programs: 10 children's programs, 87 attended; 6 adult/teen programs, 43 attended; Internet Usage: 457; Donations received: \$223.08; Grants: \$1,100 Royersford Community Chest; Facebook Likes: 762; Door Count: 2,583.

He also noted other board items as follows: Director Samson reported this month the library had 7 volunteers work 45.5 hours. President McCarthy noted this is exceptional as last year we had no volunteers. She thanked Kay for setting up and organizing the volunteer program.

The fourth annual "Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake-Off" is Saturday, May 13th.

The library will serve as the Third and Fourth Ward polling place on Tuesday, May 16th.

There will be a book sale during the Borough Yard Sale on May 20th.

The library will have a table at Community Day on May 20th.

The Women's Club raised \$85.00 with the Capt. Chuckie's fundraiser last month.

The Women's Club is hosting a fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse on Thursday, May 4th; they will earn 20% of all sales that day.

Due to the library being a polling place, May's meeting will be moved from May 16th to May 9th.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: (Posted)

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Mr. Battelle motioned the committee reports be approved as presented. Mr. Shaner seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Parking Regulations in the Downtown Commercial District.

Mr. Romain opened the public hearing portion of the May 1st agenda to discuss, consider for adoption and possibly adopt an ordinance to amend the commercial parking regulations in the Downtown Commercial District.

There was no public comment from the audience.

Mr. Shaner motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 541, an ordinance amending Article 13 "Design Standards", adding Section 1302B8, Downtown Commercial District Parking to establish an exception to the parking requirement for commercial properties located within the Downtown Commercial District as well as amending Section 1302B6 and deleting Section 1302F to be consistent with the amendment creating Section 1302B8. Mr. Battelle seconded. Motion carried.

2. Report on the Status of the Sesquicentennial Activities.

Mr. Sweeney provided council with updates on various sesquicentennial activities.

The Spring City Elementary School recognized the Borough's 150th Anniversary with several activities at the school on Thursday, April 27th.

The 5k Run held on Saturday, April 29th had approximately 50 runners participate. Mr. Sweeney thanked Kim Weaver for her coordination of the event.

On May 20th there will be a Borough Wide Yard Sale from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Also, on May 20th a Community Day will be held at Brown Street Park from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event will feature live music, a petting zoo, vendors, first responders, and Congressman Ryan Costello.

3. Adoption of the Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 327A Regarding the Salary of the Mayor Effective January, 2018.

Mr. Battelle motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 542 which amends Ordinance No. 327A and states that the Mayor of the Borough of Spring City shall receive no salary effective January, 2018. Mr. Castor seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recognition from Royersford Borough to Spring City Borough on their 150th Anniversary.

Royersford Borough Council President, Anil Dham, and Vice-President, Matt Stehman, presented a plaque to Borough Council on behalf of Royersford Borough in recognition of Spring City Borough's 150th Anniversary.

Councilor Gene Sweeney accepted the plaque on behalf of the Council and the Borough.

2. Election Requirements.

Solicitor Romain informed council that Mr. Rittenhouse asked him to look into a few things with Voter Services concerning the filing of paperwork for incumbents and nominees and existing vacancies.

He advised council that not only should the financial interest forms be filed in the municipal office but also the petitions that are filed with Chester County Voter Services must be filed in the municipal office.

Another issue he noted was the lack of a nominee for the tax collector position. It is too late for a democrat or republican to have their name on the primary ballot, but there is the option of someone running for the position as a write-in in the primary election.

If no one places their name on the primary ballot before August 1st, someone can file paperwork with the county to get on the November ballot. If this isn't done, then the only way to get on the ballot is as a write-in candidate.

Mr. Romain emphasized that the tax collector is a very important position and should be filled with a qualified and capable individual.

READING OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

GENERAL ACCOUNT: (OFFICE) PECO \$369.60; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$1,417.76; Action Data Services \$292.83; Baer Romain, LLP \$828.00; AT&T \$78.67; 21ST Century Media \$296.75; PAW \$27.77; Verizon \$167.91; Provident \$81.38; C&D Computer Suppliers, Inc. \$12.24. TOTAL: \$3,572.91. (STREETS) PECO \$110.30; Mowrey-Latshaw \$61.38; TP Trailers \$58.50; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$3,731.35; Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$421.60; A.J. Blosenski, Inc. \$3,192.10; Chester County Solid Waste Authority \$3,828.51; AirGas \$31.70; Advance Auto Parts \$14.36; Sherwin-Williams \$552.33; Provident \$59.37; Waste Management \$6,419.25; TOTAL: \$18,590.74. (POLICE) Safariland Group \$300.87; Hess Uniforms \$48.00; RR Donnelley \$202.50; PAW \$653.99; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$6,146.17; Oehlert Bros. \$538.85; deCordre Automotive \$387.79; DrugScan, Inc. \$336.00; Verizon \$304.47; Provident \$119.24; Genworth Life and Annuity \$600.00; Glock Professional, Inc. \$500.00; Tri-County \$42.70. TOTAL: \$10,070.59.

SEWER ACCOUNT: PECO \$1,296.75; J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc. \$56.00; M.J. Reider Associates, Inc. \$1,400.00; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$2,266.61; Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. \$8,462.00; Baer Romain, LLP \$2,442.00; PA One Call System, Inc. \$17.22; EEMA \$5,462.07; PAW \$92.76; Verizon \$191.31; Provident \$28.89; A.J. Blosenski \$525.00; USALCO \$2,328.24; Buckman's Inc. \$689.44; LRM, Inc. \$420.00. TOTAL: \$25,678.29.

STREET LIGHTING FUND: PECO \$4,128.95. TOTAL: \$4,128.95.

BUILDING & PROPERTY FUND: Triton Landscaping, LLC \$725.00; Miller Bros. \$11,078.80; Spring City Electrical Manufacturing Company \$4,754.00. TOTAL: \$16,557.80.

PARKS & RECREATION FUND: PECO \$92.89. TOTAL: \$92.89.

ENGINEERING & CONSULTING FUND: Motley Associates, Inc. \$1,656.00. TOTAL: \$1,656.00.

PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING FUND: Baer Romain, LLP \$1,098.00; 21st Century Media \$388.76; Motley Associates, Inc. \$1,687.65. TOTAL: \$3,174.41.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND: AmeriHealth Casualty Services \$11,188.80. TOTAL: \$11,188.80.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. DiGuseppe announced the following committee meetings are scheduled during the month of May, 2017: **Sewer Committee**, Thursday, May 11th, 6:30 p.m.; **Planning Commission**, Wednesday, May 17th, 7:00 p.m.; **Parks & Recreation Committee**, Thursday, May 18th, 6:00 p.m.; **Police Committee**, Thursday, May 18th, 6:30 p.m.; **Finance & Ordinance Committee**, Wednesday, May 24th, 6:30 p.m.

The June Borough Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Shaner motioned the meeting be adjourned as there was no further business to come before Borough Council. Mr. Battelle seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Rittenhouse